

REMARKS

The decision of the Board of Appeals indicated that the Final Rejection of claims 8, 9, 22 was reversed but the rejection of claims 15 and 16 was upheld. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled claims 15 and 16 as well as the withdrawn dependent claims 17 to 21 which were drawn to a non-elected species.

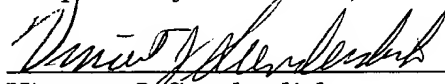
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of this application containing claims 8-14 and 22. Claims 10-14 were withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species however, because of the allowability of generic claim 8 Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 10-14.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038738.48700US).

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